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Re: Application of: Moritz et al.  
Serial No.: 10/071,726  
Filed: February 8, 2002  
For: CONDUCTIVE PLASTIC RACK FOR PIPETTE TIPS  
Group Art Unit: 1743  
Examiner: Gordon, Brian R.  
Confirmation No.: 3222  
Attorney Docket No.: 1920-0003

**NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF  
PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision set forth in the Official Action mailed October 27, 2005, in which the Examiner finally rejected claims 21-32 of the above-referenced patent application. Applicant is appealing the final rejection of claims 21-32.

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A check is enclosed in payment of the \$500.00 filing fee for the Notice of Appeal as required by 37 CFR § 41.20(b)(1).

A pre-appeal brief request for review is also being filed with this notice of appeal.

### **PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Notice of Appeal is being filed within one month following the January 27, 2006 shortened statutory period for reply to the Final Office action of October 27, 2005. Accordingly, applicant hereby petitions for a one month extension of time to file this Notice of Appeal. The enclosed check includes \$120.00 in payment of the one month extension of time.

In the event applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of an additional fee, the applicant conditionally petitions therefore, and authorizes any fee deficiency to be charged to deposit account 13-0014.

Respectfully submitted,



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Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review